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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KISSINGER
 FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
 SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE WASHINGTON POST

AN AIR VIETNAM DC-4 ON A REGULAR FLIGHT FROM SAIGON TO BAN ME
 THOUT CRASHED IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS TODAY. ALL 59 ABOARD
 WERE BELIEVED KILLED. THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE INDICATION OF
 THE CAUSE OF THE CRASH. (A-1)

THE DOLLAR FLOATS TODAY AS FOREIGN MONEY MARKETS RESUME NORMAL
 OPERATIONS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 17 DAYS. WITH THE TOKYO MARKET
 OPENING FIRST, THE YEN OPENED AT 263 TO THE DOLLAR -- AN INCREASE
 OF 2.5 PERCENT FROM THE LAST NORMAL TRADING DAY. BANKING SOURCES
 IN TOKYO PREDICT THAT IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, JAPAN WILL ALLOW THE
 YEN TO RISE IN VALUE TO ABOUT 260 TO THE DOLLAR. (A-1)

A STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL ADMITTED THE TWO CIVILIAN AMERICAN
 PILOTS, LISTED AS MISSING ON THE FLIGHT THAT TOOK JACK DOWNEY
 AND RICHARD FECTEAU INTO CHINA, WERE KILLED WHEN THE PLANE WAS
 SHOT DOWN. (A-1)

FROM DA NANG, THOMAS LIPPMAN REPORTS THE FIRST SMALL GROUP OF
 REFUGEES RETURNING TO QUANG TRI PROVINCE, DESPITE REPORTS OF
 A BUILDUP OF NORTH VIETNAMESE FORCES IN THE AREA. (A-1)

DESPITE THE CEASE-FIRE IN INDOCHINA, THE CONGRESSIONAL SEARCH
 FOR WAYS TO LIMIT A PRESIDENT'S POWER TO WAGE UNDECLARED WAR
 CONTINUES. RICHARD LYONS WRITES THAT A SERIES OF HOUSE HEARINGS
 DURING THE LAST TWO WEEKS POINTS UP THE COMPLEXITIES OF THIS
 ISSUE. (A-2)

FROM PHNOM PENH, NEWS DISPATCHES REPORT AT LEAST FIVE MEMBERS
 OF CAMBODIA'S FORMER ROYAL FAMILY BEING PUT UNDER HOUSE ARREST
 AFTER THE AIR RAID ON THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE. THE CAMBODIAN
 GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO CLOSED ALL PRIVATELY OWNED NEWSPAPERS UNDER
 A STATE OF SPECIAL EMERGENCY. (A-6)

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SOUTH VIETNAM CHARGES THAT TWO OF ITS MILITARY CAMPS ON THE EDGE OF COMMUNIST-HELD TERRITORY NORTH OF SAIGON WERE UNDER SIEGE IN WHAT IT CALLS "FLAGRANT VIOLATIONS OF THE CEASE-FIRE."

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SAIGON CALLED A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE JMC TO PROTEST THE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS AND URGED AN OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION. MEANWHILE, THE EXCHANGE OF VIETNAMESE POWS CONTINUES ON SCHEDULE, WITH NEARLY 1,200 COMMUNISTS RELEASED IN RETURN FOR 290 SOUTH VIETNAMESE. (A-8)

IN MANILA, PRESIDENT MARCOS HAS REPORTED THAT INSURGENCY IN THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES PROVINCE OF MINDANAO HAS BEEN PRACTICALLY CRUSHED AND INSURGENTS ARE ON THE RUN. (A-9)

NORTH KOREA'S OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY SAID ITS GOVERNMENT HAS PROPOSED, AND SOUTH KOREA HAS REJECTED, A MUTUAL REDUCTION OF ARMED STRENGTH TO 50,000 MEN EACH. (A-9)

BANGLADESH PREMIER MUJIB ATTACKED BOTH THE U.S. AND PAKISTAN; PAKISTAN FOR FAILURE TO RECOGNIZE BANGLADESH AND THE U.S. FOR RENEWED MILITARY AID TO PAKISTAN. (A-9)

DON OBERDORFER REPORTS THAT DESPITE THE SUDDEN THAW IN ITS RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION, JAPAN IS NOT PREPARED TO YIELD AN INCH ON THE TERRITORIAL ISSUE. UNLESS THE RUSSIANS ARE WILLING TO GIVE IN, CHANCES ARE SLIM THAT THE FORTHCOMING RUSSO-JAPANESE "PEACE TREATY" TALKS CAN SUCCEED. (A-11)

EVANS AND NOVAK WRITE THAT ISRAEL'S BACKSTAGE SUPPORT OF THE JACKSON AMENDMENT, AIMED AT FORCING THE SOVIET UNION TO LIBERALIZE ITS JEWISH EMIGRATION POLICY, HAS SUDDENLY UNDANGERED THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PRESIDENT NIXON'S ADMINISTRATION AND PRIME MINISTER MEIR'S GOVERNMENT. THE JACKSON AMENDMENT IS SEEN GAINING SUPPORT IN CONGRESS WITH A VELOCITY THAT HAS SHOCKED THE WHITE HOUSE. IT IS A DIRECT THREAT TO PASSAGE OF MOST-FAVORED NATION TREATMENT FOR THE SOVIET UNION, WHICH PRESIDENT NIXON PROMISED BREZHNEV -- AND THE PRESIDENT VIEWS THE PROMISE AS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO HIS FOUR-YEAR POLICY OF DETENTE WITH MOSCOW. (A-21)

THE NEW YORK TIMES

CAMBODIAN PRESIDENT LON NOL ORDERED A SERIES OF STERN MEASURES TODAY AFTER AN APPARENT ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE HIM. THE PRESIDENT SUSPENDED THE PUBLICATION OF ALL NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS EXCEPT THOSE PUBLISHED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND ALSO PUT UNDER HOUSE ARREST A NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE FORMER ROYAL FAMILY. (A-1)

DURING A DISCUSSION WITH CANADIAN MINISTER SHARP, PREMIER PHAM VAN DONG SAID THAT NORTH VIETNAM WOULD DO ITS BEST TO KEEP THE PEACE IN VIETNAM, BUT THAT IN HIS MIND, PEACE AND REUNIFICATION WITH THE SOUTH WENT HAND-IN-HAND. (A-3)

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DREW MIDDLETON REPORTS THAT THE SOVIET MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT

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IS ENCOUNTERING DIFFICULTIES IN MANY AREAS. MANY MILITARY ANALYSTS BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE SHORTAGES OF QUALIFIED INSTRUCTORS AND INDICATES A DECLINE OF TRAINED SPECIALISTS AND TECHNICIANS. AN OVERALL PROBLEM WHICH THE SOVIET ARMY HAS ENCOUNTERED IS TRAINING MASS FORCES IN AN AGE OF TECHNOLOGICAL WARFARE. (A-10)

ANTHONY LEWIS ENTITLES HIS ARTICLE, "WATCH AND WAIT." LEWIS BASICALLY DISCUSSES THE CHARGES AND COUNTER-CHARGES OF CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS AND THE U.S. WARNINGS TO NORTH VIETNAM WITH RESPECT TO VIOLATION OF THE CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT. AS PRESIDENT NIXON PUBLICLY WARNED NORTH VIETNAM OF CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS, LEWIS BELIEVES THE PRESIDENT SAW A POTENTIAL FOR SOMETHING HE COULD NOT IGNORE; A LARGE-SCALE COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE IN SOUTH VIETNAM. LEWIS CONTENDS THAT THE U.S. IS AGAIN VIEWING THE SITUATION WITH DISTORTED PARTISAN VISION. WASHINGTON SAYS NOTHING OUT LOUD ABOUT SAIGON'S VIOLATIONS OF THE AGREEMENT, AND THE U.S. CONTINUES TO SEND IMMENSE TONNAGE OF AMERICAN WEAPONS AND SUPPLIES TO SOUTH VIETNAM AFTER SAIGON SUCCESSFULLY OBJECTED TO THE PROPOSED PEACE TERMS IN OCTOBER. LEWIS CONCLUDES BY SAYING THAT IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF BOTH SIDES TO KEEP THEIR RELATIONS ON AN UNPROVOCATIVE COURSE.

THE BALTIMORE SUN

JAMES KEAT REPORTS ON RECOMMENDATIONS SET FORTH BY THE UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THIS PRIVATE ORGANIZATION OF BUSINESSMEN AND SCHOLARS CALLED FOR A REORGANIZATION OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND A GREATER ROLE FOR IT IN POLICY MAKING. (A-4)

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